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SUBJECT: WORKING GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL  
DEVELOPMENT (IFAD).

SUMMARY: SESSION OPENED JUNE 30 IN BUSINESSLIKE AND COOPERATIVE  
ATMOSPHERE. BAYABONA, NIGERIAN DEPUTY FAO PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
CHAIRING SESSION. FIRST DAY DEVOTED TO SHORT STATEMENTS BY DELEGATES  
SUMMARIZING THEIR CHIEF CONCERNS. END SUMMARY.

1. JOHN HANNAH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL,  
OPENED MEETING WITH STATEMENT EMPHASIZING THAT SECRETARIAT  
WAS THERE SOLELY TO ASSIST WORKING GROUP. HE THEN TURNED OVER  
CHAIR TO EDWARD BAYAGBONA OF NIGERIA, AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED WITH  
77 AND OTHER GROUPS. BELLAVITA OF PANAMA AND ALPEN OF AUSTRALIA  
ELECTED FIRST AND SECOND VICE CHAIRMEN.

2. MEETING OPENED IN BUSINESSLIKE AND CONCILIARY ATMOSPHERE.  
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TO SPEED DEBATE, OBSERVERS MAY NEITHER SPEAK NOR VOTE.

3. MOST OF FIRST DAY DEVOTED TO SHORT STATEMENTS HIGHLIGHT-  
ING WHAT DELEGATES CONSIDER MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF FUND. MOST  
DAC COUNTRIES AND SEVERAL RECIPIENTS SPOKE, BUT NO POTENTIAL  
OPEC DONORS TOOK FLOOR.

4. MOST DAC COUNTRIES TAKING FLOOR (US, SWEDEN, NETHERLANDS,  
CANADA, AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM) EMPHASIZED THE FOLLOWING COMMON  
THEMES: (1) IFAD SHOULD BE A FUND NOT A SEPARATE BANK AND  
DISPENSE THROUGH EXISTING IFIS; (2) CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE  
VOLUNTARY; (3) SECRETARIAT STAFF SHOULD BE SMALL; (4) LENDING  
SHOULD GIVE PRIORITY TO POORER COUNTRIES OR POORER SEGMENTS OF  
POPULATIONS; (5) PROVISION SHOULD BE MADE FOR RELATIVELY FAST  
DISBURSEMENTS, INCLUDING SECTOR OR PROGRAM LENDING. MOST ALSO  
STATED THEY NEEDED ASSURANCE ABOUT THE SIZE, CONTINUITY AND  
CHARACTER OF THE FUND BEFORE COMMITTING THEMSELVES TO CONTRIBUTE.

5. U.S. RECOMMENDED THAT PLEDGES TO INCREASE BILATERAL AID OVER  
A BASE YEAR FOR AGREED CRITERIA BE COUNTED AS A CONTRIBUTION AS  
WELL AS DIRECT CONTRIBUTION THROUGH IFAD. US QUESTIONED WHETHER  
DEVELOPING DONORS SHOULD ALSO BE RECIPIENTS. SWEDEN SUGGESTED  
THAT GOVERNING BOARD FOLLOW ONE COUNTRY-ONE VOTE PRINCIPLE TO  
GIVE LDCS GREATER VOICE.

6. LDCS, INCLUDING PAKISTAN, MEXICO, GHANA, ALGERIA AND INDIA  
SEE IFAD AS FUNCTIONING AT LEAST IN PART AS AN INDEPENDENT  
FINANCIAL INSTITUTION. INDIA AND ALGERIA FELT ALL DEVELOPING  
NATIONS SHOULD BE ELIGIBLE, ALTHOUGH THE EMPHASIS SHOULD BE ON  
POORER NATIONS. INDIA AND GHANA OPPOSED PLEDGES OF BILATERAL  
AID, I.E. ATTRIBUTION CONCEPT.

7. MEETING ENDED EARLY TO ALLOW G-77 INCLUDING DEVELOPING DONORS  
TO CAUCUS. VOLPE UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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